

# THE Brideling, Sadling and Ryding, of

a rich Churle in Hampshire, by the subtill practile of one  
Iudeth Philips, a professed cunning woman, or  
Fortune teller.

VVith a true discourse of her vnwomanly vsing of a Trype wife, a widow,  
lately dwelling on the back side of S. Nicholas shambles in Lon-  
don, whom she with her conferates, likewise cosoned:

For which fact, shee was at the Sessions house without New-gate arraigned,  
where she confessed the same, and had iudgement for her offence,  
to be whipped through the Citie, the 14. of February, 1594.



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A true discoverie of diuers  
notable villanies practised by one Iudeth Phi-  
lips the wife of Iohn Philips, of Crowne Alley in Bi-  
shops gate streete, the like was never in any age  
committed by a woman.



If all the seuen deadly sinnes, there is  
none so common in this flourishing  
Realm of England, as is the greivous  
sin of Couetousnesse, for it is the roote  
of all iniquitie, the puddle of perdition,  
and the alluring bayt of hell, and that  
minde which is once drowned in the  
depth of that sin, is sold to eternall damnation, vnlesse the  
mercy of God raise him vp from that filthie and deuouring  
gulf: for there is no sin committed vnder the cope of hea-  
uen, but one bꝛanch of Couetousnesse is therein comprē-  
hended. As *Usury*, what is it but the desire of gold, and hur-  
ding vp of wealth? What is *Whoredome* and *Lecherie*,  
but lust and desire of the flesh? What is *Drunkennesse* but  
Couetousnesse of wine? And what is *Pride*, *Crue*, *Fury*,  
*Theft*, *Murther*, but the desires of the wicked minde: yea  
euery vice is cloaked vnder the winges of Couetousnesse.  
The thiefe and robber both by sea and land, ventureth the  
hazarding of his life for couetousnesse of wealth: yea all  
creatures which beare life, in some sort couet after unlaw-  
full things. Lucifer that once was an Angel of brightnesse,  
through his pride coueted to sitte in the bright celestiall  
throne of God, for which he was cast from heauen, and

made an Angell of darkenesse. Wee may reade how Iezabell for coueting poze Naboths Vineyard, for the which, by the last iudgements of God shee was deuoured of filthy Dogges. Therefore the sinne of Couetousnesse is so heinous befoze the face of heauen, that God in his tenth commandement strickly doeth charge vs to forsake all vnlawfull couetousnesse, by these wordes; Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbors wife, nor his seruant, nor his mayde, nor his ore, nor his asse, nor anie thing that is his. Which pæcept, if men woulde aduisedly and carefully looke into, and with their true endeuours seeke to followe it, we should not haue in this our Realme of Englande, and especialy in this famous Cittie of London, so many badde and notorious members yearly cut off by the Queenes maiesties Lawes as wee continually haue. Which spectacle, wee haue once euerie moneth to see and beholde, to the great heartes grieffe of all her maiesties louing subiectes: but yet men are gracelesse and wilfully minded, and will not be warned, nor take example by the downfal of others: some are so idely brought vp, that they can nor will endure no labour; and some are so haughtie and proud minded, that they scoone to bend their neckes to the yoke of others, and liue honestly, in taking paines for their liuings, but studie and deuise night and day how they may fraudulently and deceitfully better their estates by the sweate of other mens browes, for now a dayes, theft, co-sonage, robberies, and vnlawfull practises are so common, that not onely men, but women and children, strine with studying and busie braines, how to compasse and bring to passe many cunning sleites and pollicies, to deceiue the world. As by an example here following, is truly described by a woman, the mirrour and mappe of all co-sonage and deceit, whereat all modest women may blush, and euerie true meaning man may smile at the folly of the worlde.

Wardon my penne, you modest Dames and graue Patrons,



frons, it shall no way impair your honourable Here, but truly imblazen to the woꝛlde, the cousoning deuises of a shamelesse woman, whose name and conuersation hereafter followeth.

This is to let you vnderstand, that in the moneth of January last past, in the famous Cittie of London, one Iudeth Philips the wife of Iohn Philips, by occupation a Cun-ma-ker, now dwelling in Crown Alley in Bishops gate street, was brought befoze her Maesties Iustices of peace at the Sessions house in olde Baily, and there was indited vpon cosonage, where shee confessed the truth of all her practises, befoze the honourable Lords of the bench. But know gentle Reader, befoze I vndertake to explaine the truth of all her practises done here in London, I will first in most ample manner, set foꝛth to the vieu of the woꝛlde, a notable villany committed by this cunning and fine witted woman, in the village of Vpsborne in Hampshire, in distaunce seven myles oꝛ thereaboutes from VVinchester.

This Iudeth Philips befoze times hauing another husband named Pope, being an honest poore man of a good conuersation and well beloued amongst his neighbours, but this his wife not contented with his poore estate of living, vpon a certaine time tooke an occasion to goe away from him, and purposed to seeke some other course foꝛ maintenance of her living, so trauellling along the West parts of Englande, it was her chance to remaine foꝛ a certaine space in the parish of Vpsborne, a Towne situate and being in Hampshire, and there practised many cousoning suites and deuises to deceiue the simpler sort of people in the Countrey: Onely shee betooke her selfe to the profession of a cunning woman, a Fortune teller, and those which shee knew did abounde in wealth, shee daily sought meanes to bring into a soles paradise, and by one deuice oꝛ other,

other, cozen them of some store of Crownes. Not far from  
 this Towne, there was dwelling a wealthy churle, (whose  
 name I here omit) that was somewhat fantasticall and gi-  
 ven to beleue euery tale he heard, which Charles wealth  
 whetted so the desire of this woman, that she deuised a sub-  
 till practise to haue a share out of his Cofers. First to bring  
 her purpose to effect, she enquired secretly of his neighbors  
 of what condition and conuersation this myzer and his wife  
 were of, and in what state the maner of his living lay, like-  
 wise she vnderstood, that this Churle was in sute of lawe  
 about a peece of ground, with one sir William Kingman,  
 a worshipfull knight in Hamshire, which being done, this  
 Iudeth Philips one euening very late went into the backe  
 side of this mans house, where vnder a hollow holly tree  
 she buried an angell of gold, and sixe pence in white mony,  
 and then returned home to her lodging againe for y night:  
 But the next day after, she walked by the Charles house,  
 and it fortuneth that his wife sat at her doore to take the fresh  
 aire, and so when this cunning witted woman sawe her  
 time, stood still, and lookt very wishly vpon her, which made  
 the Charles wife to maruell much, that a strange woman  
 whom she neuer sawe befoze, should looke vpon her so sted-  
 fastly, which caused her to demaund wherefoze she lookt so  
 earnestly in her face? A mistresse said this Iudeth Philips,  
 you are the fortunates woman I sawe this many a day, for  
 in your browes I see good fortune sit, haue you not (said she)  
 a hollow holly tree standing near vnto your house, with cer-  
 taine weedes growing about the roote? we haue (answered  
 the mizers wife) and what of that? A mistresse said this wo-  
 man then, if I might speake with your husband, and if hee  
 be like you in the face, you will come to be exceeding rich,  
 for vnder that hollow tree there is great store of treasure  
 hid, come in (then said she) and thou shalt see my husband:  
 but when this woman came into the place where her hus-  
 band was, she likewise lookt him strangely in the face, and  
 told him that she knew by certaine signes in his forehead,  
 that



that he was in sute of lawe with some great man of that country, and how he should preuaile in his sute. Also she told him, if he would be at some charge, she would bring him to great summes of gold and siluer, that was hidden about his grounds, to whom the man being some what couetous said; If I might first see something of thy skill, I will be at any charge thou wilt, but first tell me what thou art, and from whence thou cammest: I am said this Iudeth, an English woman bezie, but come now from the Pope, and knowe moze of his mind then any woman in the world: to confirm her words for truth, she toke her oath vpon the Bible how that she came from the Pope: which was true, for her husbands name as then was Pope, which being done, she toke him by the hand and led him to the roote of the hollow tree, where she caused him to dig till he found some gold, which was the angell and the sixe pence, which the night befoze she closely hid, this brought the couetous Churle into such a conceit, that he promised to giue her whatsoeuer she desired, so that her promise might be perfozmed: then she demanded of him for her paines, foureteene pounds, whereat he grumbled to lose so great a gub at one time, yet at last the hope of the treasure hidden vnder the tree made him to consent, and so with speede gaue this woman foureteene poundes in ready gold and siluer. Then said this woman, now must I haue the largest chamber in your house bebug with the finest linnen you can get, so that nothing about your chamber but white linnen cloth be seen, then must you set five candelsticks in five seuerall places in your Chamber, and vnder euery candelsticke you must put an angel of gold, all which was done as she required: and likewise said she, you must also get a saddle and a bziidle with two new girths thereunto, all which the couetous churle perfozmed in hope to attaine to great wealth: then this Iudeth caused him and his wife to go into the yard, where she set the saddle on his back, and thereon girteth it fast with two new girths, and also put a bziidle vpon his head, all which being done,

done, he gat vpon his backe in the saddle, and so rid him  
 thre times betwixt the chamber & the holly tre, then said  
 this colasing queane, you must lye thre houres one by an  
 other groueling on your bellies vnder this tre, & stir not I  
 charge you, vntill I come backe againe, for I must go into  
 the Chamber to meete the Quene of Fairies and welcome  
 her to that holy and vnspotted place, so this churle and his  
 wife were left quaking in the colde, casting many a long  
 looke for the conning of this woman, but she in the meane  
 time tooke downe all the fine linnen clothes from the wals  
 of the chamber and wrapt them vp close in a bundle, and all  
 the gold from vnder the candellsticks, and put them into her  
 purse, then putting her selfe into a faire white smock, some-  
 what disguised, with a thing on her head all white, and a  
 stick in her hand, she appeared vnto him and his wife, vsing  
 some balliance, as old wines say, spirits with night spelles  
 do, she banished away, and againe entered the chamber  
 where her packe laie ready, and so roundly went away, lea-  
 uing the churle and his wife in their cold lodging, but whe  
 the poore soule sawe the time expired, and his expected wo-  
 man did not return, he got him vp and cast off his saddle and  
 bridle, being halfe-dead with colde, retired into the chamber  
 where he supposed to haue found this cunning woman tal-  
 king with the Quene of Fairies, but when he entered his  
 chamber, and saw both his linnen and his gold conuaide a-  
 way, fel into such a perplexity of mind, as though he had bin  
 distraight of his wits: one while grieuing for the losse of his  
 soueraine pounds, another while, for the abuse of his good  
 name, likewise for the penance and disgrace she put him and  
 his wife vnto, the base and ridiculous maner of his sadling,  
 his cold lodging and weary time spent vnder the tre, to his  
 vtter infamy and shame. And lastly, the losse of his pure and  
 fine linnen, but yet he dissembled his griefe in such order,  
 that his neighbors had no suspicion therof, so in all haste, he  
 took horse, and road to V Vinchester, being in distance sea-  
 ven miles from the towne where he dwelt, and there certi-  
 fied



And a kinsman of his, of all the actions before happened : so betwixt this Charle and his kinsman, they made her and cry after her, by which this deceitfull woman was taken, and conveyed to prison, where she remained until the great Assises came : and for the same was arraigned before the right honorable my Lord Anderson, the Lord chief Justice of the Common place under her Maiestie by his Office, before whom, she confessed her selfe guiltie of all these aforesaid practises, and there receiued such deserved punishment as the law would permit. But this shamelesse woman, regarding neither her publike disgrace, nor the punishments of heauen inflicted vpon all such gracelesse liners, putting off the garment of shamefastnesse, and forgetting her selfe to haue done any such thing, dole oute her selfe in the sea of all vices, and the gulphe of all outragious mischiefs : for she after this, growing carelesse of her good name, fell into company of two certaine bad minded men, of the same condition and qualitie she was on, whose names I here omit: but the one of them was in his former time, by trade a silk-weauer, but leauing that honest course of living, betooke himselfe to a very wicked disposition, as to build the state of his living vpon colonage, and to blind the eyes of the world, goes in the habit of a Lawyer all in black, like a ciuill Gentleman. The other fine twitted companion, in the attire of a Country Gentleman, I will not say, he dwels at Borden in Kent, nor his wife is the owner of a fewe Cherry-trees, the onely state and maintenance of both their livings, but to be plaine, these two Caterpillers P. and V. like Wolves in sheeps cloathing, feedes vpon the blouds of many innocent lambes, who knowing a woman, her husband being dead, and she left a rich widow, and in the way of marriage, would neuer cease pondering in their craftie brains, till they were thoroughly acquainted with her, and so by one sly devise or other, overreach her for some part of hir substance, they made her believe, they could help her to a husband of mightie reuenges and great wealth, where at last she found them

but Caterpillers to line vpon her labors. As for example,  
 the notable peece of villany committed betwixt these two  
 counterfeit gentlemen P. and V. and this coloping woman  
 Iudith Philips, of a Trype wife, lately dwelling on the back  
 side of S. Nicholas Shambles in London, as it was truly  
 noted at the arraignment of the said Iudith Philips, the 14.  
 of February last past, 1594. at the Sessions house in the  
 old Bailey, before my Lord Anderson, and others of her Ma-  
 jesties Iustices, and likewise word by word, as the said Iu-  
 dith confest it her selfe in the prison of Newgate, where she  
 now remaineth.



II  
A discoverie of the Cosoning and ill handling  
of the Trype wife, by Iudeth Philips and  
her confederates.



**T**here was of late dwelling in London on the back side  
of the Shambles, a very rich and wealthy man of good  
conuerſation, who dying, left his wife in ſuch good eſtate of  
living, as fewe of the trade of ſelling Trypes, might well  
compare with her. This woman as it was well knowne a-  
mongſt her neighbors, had many ſuitors in the way of mar-  
riage, and many of ſufficient livings, which womans name  
for her wealth, was bruted through euery part of the citie,  
ſo that it came at laſt to the eares of theſe two coſoning com-  
panions, P. and V. who ſtudied day and night how they  
might come acquainted with this rich trype wiſe, ſo that at  
laſt, this prauiſe they deuised.

This P. being a very comely man of personage, and of a Gentleman like qualitie, went as a suter among the rest, vnto this widow, wherby he learned the condition and qualitie of the woman; and what large proffers she had in the way of marriage, likewise he vnderstood how that a wealthy Cittizen dwelling vpon London Bridge, had receiued from her in pledge of loue, a Ring with five Diamonds in it, being in value worth five poundes, which Ring vppon some disagreement, she receiued againe: also this P. vnderstood, that one maister Grace a gentleman, dwelling in Essex, was her deare friend, and one that was her counsellor in all her actions, and how that she would not do any thing without his consent, and how that sometimes he lodged in the widows house, which things being well considered off betwixt these two fine witted fellows, whose heads being neuer barraine, deuised a present policie to deceiue this couctous Trype wife. First they made priuy to their practises this Iudeth Philips before named, & told her the state, condition, and qualitie of this widow, and made her the Instrument of their intended drift, who was as subtile in performance therof, as they were craftie in deuising, then they made a counterfeit Letter from maister Grace, being as then in Essex, and sent as it were from him to this widow of London, by this Iudeth Philips, wherein was contained, how that she was a wise woman, and could tel fortunes, and requested her to welcome her to her house, and to make much of her, for she might stand her in great stead, which Letter being in good maner contriued, as best besitting their purposes, caused this Iudeth Philipps to be attired in a russet gown like a country woman, and to bear this Letter home to the widows house behind the shambles, where she was no sooner come, & the Letter read, but was bid welcome for M. Graces sake, but especially for the secret qualities the which her friend did commend her in: but now when this dissembling minion espied her time, she requested to see the widows hand, which she vouchsafed to do; & mistresse (then said



said this woman) I see by the Art of Palmistrie in your  
 hand, and by mine owne skill, that you are bozne to good  
 fortune, likewise I know you haue had many rich pzeffers  
 in the way of marriage: I haue had said the widow indeed,  
 Knights fellowes come vnto me. Then said this deceifull  
 woman againe, a Citizen dwelling vpon London Bridge,  
 hath bin an earnest suter vnto you, and hath receiued a ring  
 with fine Diamonds in pledge of loue, but the King you  
 haue againe. And so there was another Gentleman loued  
 you well, which once would haue kissed you, and vsed you  
 harshly, by that token in striving with him, your hat fell in  
 to the Sowle Tub. At which words, said the Trypte wife,  
 I thinke you know all things. I know somewhat replied  
 this woman againe, haue you not mistresse about your house  
 a great rumb'ling when you are in bed? Sometimes sayd  
 the widow we haue: By that said this woman againe, your  
 husband in his life hid about your house great store of trea-  
 sure, for which cause there are sprites now that haunt your  
 house: when indeed the noise which she heard, was no other  
 but this P. and V. that late in the nights would lumber  
 against her doore, and likewise in the mornings. But mi-  
 stresse if you wil be at some charge, I wil shew you where  
 this gold and silver is hid. I will good woman, be at any  
 charge you wilt with reason, so I may gaine thereby. Then  
 sayd this coloming Dame, you must set five Candelsticks,  
 and five candels burning in them, in five corners of your  
 house, then must you earnestly pray in euery corner a cer-  
 taine space, which was performed with all all speed. Thus  
 is Gods word made a cloake for all such diuillish practises,  
 onely to blinde the eyes of the simple and well meaning  
 people. But God surely in diuers places of the scriptures  
 saith; That whosoener beleueth in Witches and Sozce-  
 rers, belone in the Diuel: but yet God doth suffer the Di-  
 uel and his Angelles to spread abroad the worlde, to tempt  
 those that be weake in faith, and like Volucres in shoyes  
 cloathing, seeke to deuour vs.

But now to our purpose again: This craftie creature calling the Trype wife from her prayers, asked her what shee saw, and what she heard: to whom she answered, that shee heard nothing. Then said this minion againe, you must fetch as much Gold, Rings, Jewels, and Chaines, to the value of one hundred pounds, and put them into a purse, all which was done: then shee took the purse with the gold and wound about it a bottom of wollen yarne, which being done, she requested the widow to goe a while from hir, so in the meane space, like a craftie queane shee conveyed the gold into her pocket, and took another bottom of yarne with two stones in it, in the same likenesse the other was off, and gave it the woman againe, as though it had bin the very same: to whom she said, I pray you mistress lock this up very sure, and looke not into it untill I come againe, for I must goe and converse with a wise man that is acquainted with the Queen of Fairies, but I request you, that you will send him by me, a fat Turkey, and a couple of Capons, onely to get his friendship in the matter, and no doubt but we shall finde the hid treasure very shortly: which woman, through covetousnesse of this money, went presently and bought a Turkey, & two fat Capons, and sent them with this cosoning cheater by her mayds servant, into Wolbeyn, but being come neare unto the place whither she intended to goe, took them from the mayd, & so sent her back againe. Thus this daintie witted Dame, having cosoned the trype wife, of all her gold, Jewels, & Chaines, returned joyfully unto the lodgings of her two scholermasters, P. and V. who seeing her come, asked her presently if she had sped: I have answered she, in some sort for here is a hundred pound to make us merry with, the which they divided into foure parts: she received two for her paines, and they bestowed them the other two, and afterwards made merry with the widows Turkey, and her couple of Capons, and so went with fiftie poundes home to her husband Iohn Philips, dwelling in Crowne Alley in Bishoppes gate strate: who noting her  
long



long absence, and diuers starts she made from him, asked where she had bene, and how she came by that money: to whom she gaue many hard words and bad answers, in so much that in his anger he strooke her, but yet by no means he could do, the craftie queane wold reueale where she had it. But now to returne to the widowes mayd againe, who coming out of Wolbozne home to her mistresse, tolde her that she suspected the queane had cosoned her, with that she went presently and bndwound the bottome of yarne, where in she founde nothing but two stones: the which being done, she went to one of her neighbours and discoursed to him all the maner of her cosoning, but he lyke a wise man, counselled her not to make hue and cry, but watch a time untill she came againe, and then to apprehend her. Not many dayes after this, these three aforesayd cosoning companions, met againe together, and consulted how they might get a another bottie of this trype wife, which was platted downe in this maner. First this Iudeth Philips should repaire vnto the widow againe, and tell her that she came from the Duene of Fairnes, and how that she gaue her in charge (if she woulde attaine the hidden treasure) to set twelue Candelstickes in diuerse places of her house, and vnder euery Candelsticke both golde and siluer, and to set all her plate rounde about the Candles, whereby this subtil headed woman might the easier deceiue her of it: but coming to the widowes house againe, she was bidden welcome as before, and requested to come in, but in the meane time, the Constable was sent for, and she apprehended and so carried to Newgate. Likewise for the same fact, her husband was arraigned before the bench but found not guiltie, and so quit by the Iewrie: but the lawe finding her guiltie therein, was returned to Newgate, where she did remaine till the Sessions following for iudgement: the that time being come, her iudgement was, to be whipped through the citie. Thus haue you heard y notable practices committed by this woman and her associates. And no doubt but there are mo such wicked members in this land.

God I beseech this rote them from this flourishing Realme  
of England, and from this thirce renowned Citie of Lon-  
don: that all her Maiesties true subjects, may like her  
of such suspicious thoughts, And shew themselves men of Eng-  
land, abhorre that idle and wicked kind of life, and Gods  
pleasure be not to leaue you honest maintenance at home,  
follow her Maiesties warres abroad, and for the Honor  
of Englands red Crosse, then do you shew your duty  
to God, loye unto your Countrey, and service unto  
your Maie: For whose long and quiet raigh,  
let all true subiects daily pray.

Amen.

FINIS.





